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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:  
Basso et al. : Fearer, Mark D.  
Serial No.: 10/713,343 : Group Art Unit: 2109  
Filing Date: November 14, 2003 :  
Title: REDUCING NUMBER OF : IBM Corporation  
MESSAGES PROCESSED BY : IP Law Dept. YXSA/Bldg. 002  
CONTROL PROCESSOR BY : 3039 Cornwallis Road  
BUNDLING CONTROL AND : P.O. Box 12195  
DATA MESSAGES AND OFF- : Research Triangle Park, NC 27709  
LOADING THE TCP :  
CONNECTION SETUP AND :  
TERMINATION MESSAGES :  
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 15, 2007, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 15, 2007, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.